

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
MASAAKI NAKABAYASHI) : Examiner: Not Yet Assigned
Application No.: N.Y.A. - Based on Japanese) : Group Art Unit: Not Yet Assigned
Priority Application JP 2000-251274 :
Filed: Herewith)
For: METHOD OF MANUFACTURING)
OPTICAL ELEMENT AND)
OPTICAL ELEMENT :
MANUFACTURED THEREBY) August 13, 2001

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to calculating the filing fee, please amend the above-identified application as follows and consider the following remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 10 as follows. A marked-up copy of this claim is attached.

10. (Amended) An optical element manufactured by the method as set forth in claim 1 or 9.

REMARKS

The claims are 1-15, with claims 1 and 9 being independent. Claim 10 has been amended to reduce its multiple dependency. No new matter has been added.

Applicant respectfully requests favorable consideration and early passage to issue of the present case.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

Respectfully submitted,


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APPENDIX

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IN THE CLAIMS:

Claim 10 has been amended as follows:

10. (Amended) An optical element manufactured by the method as set forth in claim 1 or 9 [any one of claims 1 to 9].

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